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1. SUMMARY. THREE-DAY SENEGAL VISIT BY DPRK FONMIN HO TAM
CHARACTERIZED BY WRANGLING OVER COMMUNIQUE. THOUGH DPRK
PRESSURED SENEGALESE INTO ISSUING STATEMENT, GOS IS DOWN-
PLAYING COMMUNIQUE'S SIGNIFICANCE AND MANAGED TO FILL IT
WITH UNEXCEPTIONABLE PAP ASIDE FROM PLEDGE BY FOREIGN
MINISTERS TO APPLY SCRUPULOUSLY COMMUNIQUE ISSUED DURING
PRESIDENT SENGHOR'S 1974 VISIT TO PYONGYANG. GOS INSISTED ON

THIS LESS-BINDING PLEDGE TO "SCRUPULOUS" APPLICATION INSTEAD OF "STRICT" WORDING DEMANDED BY DPRK. GOS INFORMED DPRK IT COULD NOT ACCEPT ROK'S EXCLUSION FROM NEGOTIATIONS ON PENINSULA'S FUTURE. NORTH KOREANS REPORTEDLY WERE UNHAPPY WITH VISIT, PERCEIVING EROSION IN SENEGALESE POSITION. WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING WHERE HO TAM TURNS UP NEXT. END SUMMARY.

2. NORTH KOREAN DEPUTY PREMIER/FOREIGN MINISTER HO TAM (IDENTIFIED HERE AS "HEU DAM") VISITED SENEGAL JAN. 18-21. DPRK DELEGATION PRESENTED MESSAGE FROM KIM IL SUNG TO PRESIDENT SENGHOR, CALLED ON PRIME MINISTER DIOUF, HAD TALKS AND DINNER WITH FOREIGN MINISTER ASSANE SECK AND GOS AMBASSADOR TO PRC (AND DPRK) ALY DIOUM, AND VISITED DPRK MEDICAL TEAM IN PROVINCIAL CAPITAL.

3. STATEMENT ISSUED AT END OF VISIT INDICATED TALKS HAD TAKEN PLACE "IN FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE WHICH PERMITTED...AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE CONTINUING REINFORCEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION... AS WELL AS ON A SERIES OF INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS OF COMMON INTEREST." PARTIES EXPRESSED SATISFACTION AT SEEING "THE RELATION OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION...TAKE A NEW TURN FOLLOWING THE HISTORIC (1974 KIM IL SUNG/SENGHOR) MEETING AT PYONGYANG." PARTIES SIGNIFIED THEIR "IDENTITY OF VIEWS ON THE NECESSITY OF FURTHER EXPANDING AND DEVELOPING THESE RELATIONS IN ALL POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL FIELDS." SECK AND HO TAM "REAFFIRMED THEIR DETERMINATION TO CONTINUE SCRUPULOUSLY TO APPLY THE PROVISIONS" OF THE 1974 PYONGYANG COMMUNIQUE. PARTIES CONFIDENTIAL

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"EMPHASIZED WITH SATISFACTION" THAT DPRK VISIT "CONTRIBUTED TO REINFORCING AND DEVELOPING THE RELATIONS OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION ESTABLISHED BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES." HO TAM, "AFTER HAVING RECALLED THAT INVITATION THAT HL BEEN ADDRESSED TO PRIME MINISTER ABDOU DIOUF TO VISIT KOREA REMAINED OPEN, INCLUDED HIS SENEGALESE COUNTERPART, MR. ASSANE SECK, IN THAT INVITATION."

4. ACCORDING ROK AMBASSADOR CHI, VISIT TOOK PLACE ONLY AFTER PROTRACTED GOS/DPRK DISCUSSIONS. SENEGALESE FIRST SOUGHT DATES DURING ABSENCE FROM COUNTRY OF PRESIDENT SENGHOR. FONMIN SECK, WHO ENCOUNTERED HO TAM AT JANUARY 13 TOGOLESE FESTIVITIES, AGREED DPRK COUNTERPART SHOULD PROCEED TO DAKAR, BUT SAID HE COULD NOT PROMISE PRE-SIDENTIAL MEETING.

5. COMMUNIQUE WAS SUBJECT OF HEATED NEGOTIATIONS. DPRK SOUGHT ISSUANCE OF JOINT COMMUNIQUE AND HAD ANNOUNCEMENT MADE AT START OF VISIT THAT ONE WOULD BE SIGNED, GOS, ON OTHER HAND, IS

DOWNPLAYING STATEMENT (PARA 3) TO WHICH IT ULTIMATELY AGREED.
FONMIN SECK EMPHASIZED TO ME THAT IT WAS VERY
GENERAL AND WAS MERE "PRESS COMMUNIQUE," RATHER THAN FORMAL
JOINT COMMUNIQUE OF TWO GOVERNMENTS. FOREIGN MINISTRY
CABINET DIRECTOR SYLLA AND DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS
KANDE MADE SAME POINT TO CHI. THEY ALSO POINTED OUT THAT
"SCRUPULOUS" APPLICATION OF PYONGYANG COMMUNIQUE IS PLEDGE
BY TWO FOREIGN MINISTERS, RATHER THAN UNDERTAKING OF "THE
TWO PARTIES," AS IS THE CASE WITH ALL OTHER CLAUSES; THIS,
THEY SAID, WAS FORMULA PRESCRIBED BY SENGHOR. FINALLY, THEY
SAID DPRK HAD INITIALLY DEMANDED "STRICT" APPLICATION OF
PYONGYANG COMMUNIQUE, WHILE GOS INSISTED ON LESS BINDING
"SCRUPULOUS." SENEGALESE SAY THAT NORTH KOREANS ARGUED FOR
NINETY MINUTES ON THIS POINT ALONE, AND WERE COLD AND UNHAPPY
ON CONCLUSION OF DISCUSSIONS, PERCEIVING EROSION IN GOS
POSITION SINCE PYONGYANG VISIT.

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6. NONE OF 1974 COMMUNIQUE(REF B) WAS QUOTED IN CURRENT STATEMENT. 1974 DOCUMENT STATED: GOS "ENTIRELY SUPPORTS THE JUST, EQUITABLE AND RATIONALE PROPOSITIONS OF THE...DPRK FOR THE INDEPENDENT AND PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION OF THE FATHERLAND AND IN PARTICULAR THE POSITION IN FIVE POINTS...ANNOUNCED JUNE 23, 1973 BY PRESIDENT KIM IL SUNG...THE SENEGALESE SAID BRINGS ITS
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EFFECTIVE SUPPORT AND ITS TOTAL SOLIDARITY TO THE JUST STRUGGLE OF THE KOREAN PEOPLE TO REALIZE, IN COMPLETE INDEPENDENCE, THE REUNIFICATION OF THE FATHERLAND BY THE KOREANS THEMSELVES, WITHOUT ANY FOREIGN INTERFERENCE AND BY PEACEFUL MEANS, AFTER THE WITHDRAWAL FROM SOUTH KOREA OF AMERICAN TROOPS."

7. BY CONTRAST, SENEGALESE RETICENCE IS ALMOST PALPABLE IN NEW COMMUNIQUE. IT OMITTS EVEN CUSTOMARY NON-ALIGNED ISSUES WHERE SEMBLANCE OF CONSENSUS MIGHT HAVE EXISTED, REFERRING INSTEAD TO "EXCHANGE OF VIEWS" ON "INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS OF COMMON INTEREST." COMMUNIQUE CASTS HO TAM'S RENEWED INVITATION TO PRIME MINISTER AS UNILATERAL DPRK ACT, WHICH IS NEITHER ACCEPTED NOR ACKNOWLEDGED BY GOS. SIMILAR DISTANCE WAS EVIDENT IN EXCHANGE OF DINNER TOASTS BETWEEN SECK AND HO TAM. SECK THANKED DPRK FOR FOREIGN AID BUT SKIRTED COMMENT ON KOREAN POLITICAL ISSUES ASIDE FROM REFERENCE TO DESIRE FOR PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION, WHILE HO TAM LACED RHETORIC WITH REFERENCES TO EVILS OF IMPERIALISM AND EMPHASIZED SENEGAL'S "SOCIALIST" PRINCIPLES (WITH IMPLIED OBLIGATION TO SUPPORT FELLOW SOCIALISTS).

8. FON MIN SECK TOLD CHI JAN 22. THE DPRK'S FIVE-POINT UNIFICATION PLAN GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE TO GOS WITH ONE EXCEPTION: SENEGAL HAD TOLD DPRK THAT ROK SHOULD NOT BE EXCLUDED FROM NEGOTIATIONS ON PENINSULA'S FUTURE. SECK SAID SENEGAL INSISTED ON PRINCIPLE OF DIRECT DIALOGUE BETWEEN TWO KOREAS. (HOWEVER, SECK MAINTAINS THAT COMMANDER OF US FORCES IN CAPACITY AS UN COMMANDER HOLDS DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO REPRESENT ROK IN NEGOTIATIONS, THOUGH HE ARGUES THAT THIS IN NO WAY DEROGATES ROK SOVEREIGNTY). SECK REPEATED GOS POSITION THAT PRESENCE OF FOREIGN TROOPS IS ACCEPTABLE IF BASED ON AGREEMENT BETWEEN TWO SOVEREIGN NATIONS. (HE SAID, THOUGH, THAT HE PERSONALLY FAVORED WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN FORCES FROM KOREA TO FACILITATE
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DIALOGUE. HE COMPARED SITUATION TO ANGOLA, WHERE SENEGAL OPPOSES PRESENCE OF FOREIGN TROOPS.)

9. CHI'S ASSESSMENT IS THAT CHANGE HAS OCCURRED IN GOS POSITION ON KOREA, BUT THAT MORE MOVEMENT IS NECESSARY BEFORE HE WILL BE SATISFIED ROK INTERESTS PROTECTED. HE BELIEVES THAT, IF PAST DPRK AND ROK UNGA RESOLUTIONS WERE RE-INTRODUCED, GOS MIGHT WELL SUPPORT DPRK AGAIN, WHILE ABSTAINING ON ROK PROPOSAL. CHI FINDS FONMIN SECK MORE FAVORABLE TO DPRK POSITIONS THAN OTHER OFFICIALS IN DAKAR, PARTICULARLY PRIME MINISTER DIOUF. CHI BELIEVES SECK WILL FIND EXCUSE NOT TO MAKE VISIT TO ROK PROPOSED FOR 1977, EVEN THOUGH, ACCORDING TO CHI, SENGHOR AND DIOUF HAVE BOTH GIVEN GO-AHEAD FOR VISIT.

10. HO TAM'S NEXT STOP WAS NOT ANNOUNCED. WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING WHERE HIS ITINERARY TAKES HIM AFTER DAKAR(REPORTEDLY LAGOS OR YAOUNDE).
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